

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2, 6, 8, 12 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Please also add new Claims 15 to 18 and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus having a function of transmitting/receiving e-mail, comprising:

receiving means for receiving an e-mail;

storage means for storing a plurality of kinds of communication partner information including an e-mail address or a telephone number for each communication partner;

first detecting means for detecting, from the received e-mail, a plurality of identifiers in a body part of the received e-mail, where each of the plurality of identifiers is represented by a first character string and symbols bracketing the first character string corresponding to the plurality kinds of communication partner information from a received e-mail;

specifying means for specifying kinds of identifiers detected by said first detecting means; ~~when said detecting means detects a predetermined identifier from among the plurality kinds of identifiers, a communication partner information to be registered;~~ and

second detecting means for detecting a plurality of second character strings, each of which follows each of the respective identifiers specified by said specifying means;

registering means for registering the plurality of second character strings detected by said second detecting means into areas in said storage means, each of which

corresponds to the kind of the identifier followed by the second character string; and
information associated with the identifiers detected by said detecting means, as
communication partner information of the communication partner information, which is
specified by said specifying means, to the storing means;

control means for controlling said registering means to perform the
registration only if the detected identifier followed by the second character string is one of
a redetermined kind of identifier,

wherein if a plurality of said predetermined identifiers, each of which
indicates the name of a communication partner, are specified by said specifying means,
detected in the e-mail, said specifying means specifies a communication partner
information for every said predetermined identifiers and said control means controls said
registering means to repeatedly perform the registration for every identifier indicating the
name of the communication partner in turn registers information associated with the
identifiers detected by said detecting means.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising
registration designating means by which a user designates registration by said registering
means,

wherein said registering means registers only information whose registration
is designated by said registration designating means.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

sending means for sending an e-mail;

extracting means for extracting the communication partner information stored in said storage means; and

adding means for adding, to every communication partner information extracted by said extracting means, an identifier corresponding to the kind of the communication partner information; and

generating means for generating an e-mail including, in its body part, all of the extracted communication partner information with the identifier;

wherein said sending means sends the e-mail generated by said generating means to a new communication apparatus in order to enable the new communication apparatus to register the communication partner information into a storage means by receiving the e-mail.

mail generating means for generating e-mail data having a body in which pieces of information constituting the extracted communication partner information are described in one to one correspondence with identifiers corresponding the registration items in which these pieces of information are registered.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the second character string information described in the e-mail in accordance with indicated by the detected identifier is text information described subsequent[[ly]] to the detected identifier.

6. Canceled

7. (Currently Amended) A control method of a communication apparatus which comprises storage means for storing a plurality of kinds of communication partner information including an e-mail address or a telephone number for each communication partner, and which has a function of transmitting/receiving e-mail, comprising:

a receiving step of receiving an e-mail;

a storing step of storing the plurality of kinds of communication partner information in a storage means, including the e-mail address or the telephone number for each communication partner;

a first detection step of detecting, from the received e-mail, a plurality of identifiers in a body part of the received e-mail, where each of the plurality of identifiers is represented by a first character string and symbols bracketing the first character string corresponding to the plural kinds of communication partner information from a received e-mail; and

a specifying step for specifying kinds of identifiers detected by the first detection step, when said detecting step detects a predetermined identifier from among the plurality of identifiers, a communication partner information to be registered;

a second detecting step for detecting a plurality of second character strings, each of which follows each of the respective identifiers specified by the specifying step;
and

a registration step of registering the plurality of second character strings detected by the second detecting step into areas in the storage means, each of which corresponds to the kind of the identifier followed by the second character string; and

information associated with the identifiers detected by said detecting step; as communication partner information of the specified communication partner information to said storage means,

a controlling step of controlling the registering step to perform the registration only if the detected identifier followed by the second character string is one of a predetermined kind of identifier,

wherein if a plurality of said predetermined identifiers, each of which indicates the name of a communication partner, are specified by the specifying step, said controlling step controls the registering step to repeatedly perform the registration for every identifier indicating the name of the communication partner detected in the received e-mail, said specifying step specifies a communication partner information for each one of said predetermined identifiers and said registering step in turn registers information associated with the identifiers detected by said detecting step.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The method according to claim 7, wherein the registration step comprises registering only information whose registration is designated by the user of said communication apparatus.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, further comprising:

a sending step of sending an e-mail;

an extraction step of extracting the communication partner information stored in said storage means; and

an addition step of adding, to every communication partner information extracted by the extracting step, an identifier corresponding to the kind of the communication partner information; and

a generating step of generating an e-mail including, in its body part, all of the extracted communication partner information with the identifier,

wherein the sending step sends the e-mail generated in the generating step to a new communication apparatus in order to enable the new communication apparatus to register the communication partner information into a storage means by receiving the e-mail

~~a mail generation step of generating e-mail data having a body in which pieces of information constituting the extracted communication partner information are described in one-to-one correspondence with identifiers corresponding to registration items in which these pieces of information are registered.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein the second character string information described in the e-mail in accordance with indicated by the detected identifier is text information described subsequent[[ly]] to the detected identifier.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A control program of a communication apparatus, said control program being executable by said communication apparatus and being stored on a storage medium which is readable by said communication apparatus, wherein said communication apparatus comprises storage means for storing a plurality of kinds of communication partner information including an e-mail address or a telephone number for each communication partner, and which has a function of transmitting/receiving e-mail, said control program comprising:

code for a receiving step of receiving an e-mail;

code for a storing step of storing the plurality of kinds of communication partner information in a storage means, including the e-mail address or the telephone number for each communication partner;

code for a first detection step of detecting, from the received e-mail, a plurality of identifiers in a body part of the received e-mail, where each of the plurality of identifiers is represented by a first character string and symbols bracketing the first character string corresponding to the plural kinds of communication partner information from a received e-mail;

code for a program of the specifying step for specifying kinds of identifier detected by the first detection step, when said detecting step detects a predetermined identifier from among the plurality of identifiers, a communication partner information to be registered; and

code for a second detection step for detecting a plurality of second character strings, each of which follows each of the respective identifiers specified by the specifying step;

code for a registration step of registering the plurality of second character strings detected by the second detecting step into areas in the storage means, each of which corresponds to the kind of the identifier followed by the second character string; and information associated with the identifiers detected by said detecting step, as communication partner information of the specified communication partner information to said storing means,

code for a controlling step of controlling the registering step to perform the registration only if the detected identifier followed by the second character string is one of a predetermined kind of identifier,

wherein if a plurality of said predetermined identifiers, each of which indicates the name of a communication partner, are detected in the received e-mail, said specifying step specifies a communication partner information for each one of said predetermined identifiers and said registering step in turn registers information associated with the identifiers detected by said detecting step specified by the specifying step, the controlling step controls the registering step to repeatedly perform the registration for every identifier indicating the name of the communication partner.

14. (Canceled)

15. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if a length of the second character string detected by said second detecting means is longer than a predetermined length, said control means controls said registering means not to perform the registration.

16. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if the specified identifier is a name of a communication partner, said specifying means further specifies a telephone number or an e-mail address corresponding to the name.

17. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein if a length of the second character string detected by said second detecting step is longer than a predetermined length, said controlling step controls said registering step not to perform the registration.

18. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein if the specified identifier is a name of a communication partner, said specifying step further specifies a telephone number or an e-mail address corresponding to the name.